

REMARKS

Claims 2-9 are pending. Claim 2 is the only independent claim and has been amended. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,526,296 (Nieminen). Applicants submit that amended independent claim 2 and the claims dependent thereon are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Amended independent claim 2 is directed to a folding portable communication unit which is composed of first and second cabinets and a hinge for so supporting the first and second cabinets that they are rotational around the hinge. The unit includes: first display/data-input means which displays a first information related to mobile telephone communication, inputs a first data related to the communication, and is situated on an obverse surface of the first and second cabinets, and second display/data-input means which displays a second information related to the mobile telephone communication, inputs a second data related to the communication, and is situated on a rear cover of the first or second cabinet. The second information can be watched and the second data can be inputted by a user in case that the first and second cabinets are folded in a closed position. The folding portable communication unit is operable to permit verbal telephone communication in case that the first and second cabinets are in an open position.

In the communication unit defined by amended claim 2, the folding portable communication unit can be used as a mobile telephone, i.e., for verbal telephone communication, in an open state. In the closed state, the unit is not used for verbal telephone communication, but the simplified key unit accessible even in the closed position can be utilized, e.g., for transmission of information related to mobile communication, such as e-mail, or an indication of call reception.

Nieminen shows a foldable device that in a *closed position* is a cellular telephone, and in an open position is a PDA. The keypad 6b and display 6a located on the outer surface, and which are usable in the folded position, are used for functions related to cellular mobile

telephone (CMT) communication. On the other hand, the keys 5b and the display 5a on the inside of *the opened unit* are used for the PDA data input/display.

It is believed clear that Nieminen neither teaches nor suggests the feature of amended claim 2 by which the unit is operable to permit verbal telephone communication in case that the first and second cabinets are in an open position. In fact, Nieminen teaches the opposite of this limitation.

For at least the foregoing reasons, amended claim 2 is believed clearly patentable over Nieminen.

The other claims in this application are each dependent from the independent claim discussed above and are therefore believed patentable for the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

This Amendment After Final Rejection is believed clearly to place this application in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. At the very least, however, entry of this Amendment After Final Rejection, as an earnest effort to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, is respectfully requested.

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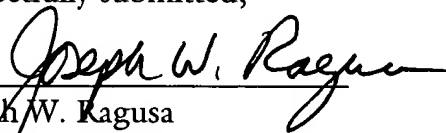
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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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